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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ::

Administrative Action

SUZANNE M. COHEN, MSW License No. 44SC05267700 CONSENT ORDER
OF REINSTATEMENT

FOR REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE TO PRACTICE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of respondent Suzanne Cohen's ("respondent") application for reinstatement of her license to practice clinical social work in this State. Respondent's

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license expired August 31, 2006. Since that time, she has attempted to complete the reinstatement process. Although respondent has submitted voluminous documentation to the Board of courses she has taken in an attempt to prove she has completed the necessary continuing education courses required by N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.2, a detailed review of the materials by the Board resulted in a determination that respondent has only satisfied twenty of the required forty credit hours. Respondent lacks twenty credits in board-approved courses or programs directly related to clinical practice for the 2006-08 cycle, as well as the total forty credits of continuing education required by regulation for the renewal of her license for the 2008-10 cycle that began on September 1, 2008.

Respondent, being desirous of resolving this matter and reinstating her license without the necessity of formal proceedings, and agreeing to waive any right to same, and the Board having determined that this Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and all parties agreeing to the terms of this Order;

November, 2008,

## ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice clinical social work in the State of New Jersey is hereby reinstated subject to the conditions set forth in this Order.
- 2. Respondent shall complete sixty credits of board-approved continuing education courses by August 31, 2009, in satisfaction of the twenty outstanding credits directly related to clinical practice for 2006-08 and the forty credits, including twenty credits related to clinical practice and five credits related to ethics required for the September 1, 2008 renewal. Respondent shall provide proof of completion of these credits to the Board by September 15, 2009. No later than August 31, 2010, respondent shall also submit proof of the completion of the forty credits in board-approved courses required for the renewal of her license for the 2010-12 cycle, to include twenty

credits related to clinical practice, five credits related to ethics and three credits in social and cultural competence.

3. In the event respondent fails to complete the necessary credits or submit the required proofs to the Board in accordance with the requirements of paragraph

2 herein, respondent agrees to the automatic entry of an Order of Surrender of her license without notice, and to cease and desist the practice of social work until she provides proof satisfactory to the Board of completion of all outstanding continuing education credits. Additionally, respondent shall be subject to such discipline as the Board deems appropriate, including disciplinary proceedings for failure to comply with a Board Order.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, £CSW

Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree

to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Suzanne M. Cohen, MSW

11-6-08 Date